<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1 – 20 are pending in the present patent application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 20. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1 - 20 in view of at least the following remarks.

I.   <u>Rejection of Claims 1 - 20 Based on 35 U.S.C. § 102</u>

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 1, 10, 15 and 18 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by MacDonald (US Patent No. 5,900,864) stating:

> 3.   Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Mac Donald (5,900,864).
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> 4.   Regarding claims 1-20, note the Abstract, Fig. 2, 7A-B, 10, 22-24, column 2 lines 25-68, column 3 lines 1-63, column 4 lines 58-68, column 5 lines 1-50, column 6 lines 12-63, column 7 lines 14-58, column 8 lines 40-65, column 9 lines 7-50. Note the screen element indicia that support the input device, and note how the look of the screen element is modified. Note the class definitions.

Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that claims 1 - 20 are allowable for at least the following reasons:

1.   *The cited reference does not teach, describe, or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention and the Examiner has rejected all claims based on anticipation without any specific reference to any specific elements in any claim.*

2.   *MacDonald does not teach, or suggest, let alone anticipate, detecting input device support of a screen element of a graphical user interface or*

identifying a screen element as supporting an input device when input

device handling program code is associated with the screen element.

Each of these distinctions is discussed in further detail below.

1. <u>The cited reference does not teach, describe, or suggest each and every</u>
<u>element of the claimed invention and the Examiner has rejected all claims based</u>
<u>on anticipation without any specific reference to any specific elements in any</u>
<u>claim.</u>

The Examiner has rejected all claims based on anticipation without any
specific reference to any specific elements in any claim. The Examiner rejected
Claims 1 - 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Mac Donald
(US patent number 5,900,864). The Examiner combined the discussion of claims 1
- 20 together and for all 20 claims referred the Applicant to the Abstract, Fig. 2,
7A - 7B, 10, and 22 - 24, column 2, lines 25-68, column 3, lines 1-63, column 4, lines
58 - 68, column 5, lines 1 - 50, column 6, lines 12 - 63, column 7, lines 14 - 58,
column 8, lines 40 - 65, and column 9, lines 7 - 50. By way of explanation, the
Examiner stated that the Applicant should "note the screen element indicia that
support the input device, and note how the look of the screen element is
modified. Note the class definitions." The Examiner did not make any specific
reference to any elements of any claim and the reference to MacDonald has been
combined together to include most of the text of the MacDonald patent without
any indication of which portion of the patent applies to which part of each
rejected claim. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner point

out with more particularity where the cited reference describes the elements of each and every claim.

2. MacDonald does not teach, or suggest, let alone anticipate, detecting input device support of a screen element of a graphical user interface or identifying a screen element as supporting an input device when input device handling program code is associated with the screen element.

MacDonald does not anticipate each and every element of every claim. MacDonald discusses a computing device having a human/machine interface. Input devices and a graphical user interface are described. Applicant respectfully submits that nothing in the portions of the MacDonald patent cited by the Examiner describe *detecting* input device support of a screen element of a graphical user interface or *identifying* the screen element as supporting an input device when an input device-handling program code is associated with the element. MacDonald does not teach or suggest, let alone anticipate, a method of detecting input device support of a screen element of a graphical user interface or identifying the screen element as supporting an input device when input device-handling program code is associated with the screen element as claimed in claims 1, 10, and 15. Claim 18 descries "a detector configured to examine a runtime version of said screen element to identify whether said screen element supports said input device by determining whether input device-handling program code is associated with said screen element". Applicant respectfully submits that nothing in the portions of the MacDonald patent cited by the Examiner describe a *detector* configured to examine a runtime version of a screen

element to identify whether the screen element supports the input device by determining whether input device-handling program code is associated with the screen element.

Applicant disagrees that MacDonald anticipates all elements of each and every claim and requests that the Examiner provide a clear correspondence between elements of applicant's claims and elements of the cited reference to permit the Applicant to better respond to the Examiner's rejection.

Dependent Claims 2 – 9, 11 - 14, 16 – 17 and 19 - 20

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 – 9, 11 - 14, 16 – 17 and 19 – 20, being dependent upon respective allowable base claims, are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons stated above.
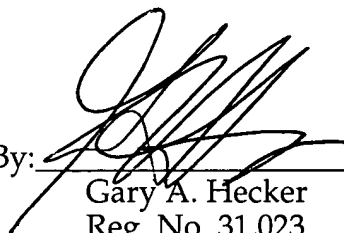
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1 - 20 are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that pending claims 1 - 20 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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